

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Licensing Committee **DATE:** 17th October, 2019
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PART I **FOR DECISION**

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED CHAIR

1. **Purpose of Report**

This report seeks approval for the appointment of a designated Chair to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

2. **Recommendations**

The Committee is requested to resolve that:

- a) A Labour Member be appointed to act as designated Chair of the Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2019/2020 municipal year.
- b) That a Licensing Sub-Committee (drawn from the Members of the Licensing Committee) be established as required on a proportional basis (2 Labour and 1 Conservative or Independent Member)

3. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

There are no implications.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications associated with this report at this stage.

(b) **Human Rights Act and other Legal Implications**

The relevant law in respect of this matter is set out in Sections 15-17 (inclusive) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (the Act) and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 (as amended). Applying the basic principles of Sections 15-17 of the Act requires not all the seats on the Sub Committee to be allocated to the same political group. However as an alternative to applying the political proportionality rules the Committee is entitled under Section 17 of the Act to adopt different arrangements provided all of the members vote for/abstain from a proposal (ie: no member votes against).

(c) Workforce

None.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 Council meeting held on 26th September 2019 considered a report on revised proportionality and allocation of committee places following notice that Councillor Sharif was longer a member of the Labour Group.
- 5.2 At the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 5th June 2019, Councillor Bains was appointed as one of three designated chair's of the Licensing Sub-Committee. However, changes to Committee places at the Council meeting in September 2019 included Councillor Bains appointment to the Executive, which meant that he was no longer a member on the Licensing Committee. Councillor Sharif replaced Councillor Bains on the Licensing Committee.
- 5.3 The Committee agreed at it's meeting in June 2019 to the appointment of designated Chairs of the Sub-Committee and that these Members would chair the meetings of the Sub-Committee on a rotational basis.
- 5.4 Members are reminded that meetings of the Sub-Committee are held during the day time and must be held within the statutory deadlines prescribed. There were 5 meetings of the Sub Committee convened in the 2018/19 municipal year.
- 5.5 The revised membership of the Licensing Committee for the 2019/20 Municipal Year comprises 9 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent Member. A Licensing Sub-Committee (drawn from the Members of the Licensing Committee) shall be established, where possible, on a proportional basis (2 Labour, 1 Conservative or Independent Member). In the event that the Conservative or Independent Member are not available, the Sub-Committee will comprise of three Labour Members.

6.0 **Conclusion**

The Committee is requested to appoint a Labour Member as designated Chair for the remainder of the 2019/2020 municipal year.

6. **Background Papers**

None.